

6. (Amended) Superabsorbent material according to claim 1, in which the non-acidic compound is chemically bound to the superabsorbent material.

Al 7. (Amended) Hygiene product such as a diaper, comprising a superabsorbent material comprising a non-acidic compound selected from acid anhydrides, lactides, lactones and hydrolysable esters.

Please add the following new claims 8-9:

8. (New) Hygiene product according to claim 7, in which the non-acidic compound selected from lactides and lactones of γ - or δ -carboxylic acids.

Al 9. (New) Hygiene product according to claim 7, in which said non-acidic compound is present in an amount of 1-20 wt. % with respect to the weight of the superabsorbent.